

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



## Acorns on the Ground

### Palm Tree Faith

“The righteous flourish like the Palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.” Psalm 92:12

Most trees get their life through the sap that flows up the tree just under the bark. This is not so with the Palm tree. The sap flows up from the center of the tree, producing new life from the heart of the tree. The Palm tree thrives in some unlikely places. The Palm tree has a large tap root that extends, deep into the earth and finds water.

The Palm tree can withstand high winds and hurricanes better than any other tree because they are flexible, they bend and yield easily. When the wind and storms blow into our lives we too can withstand the fury because we bend and yield and have the strength of God within us.

We allow God to bring good unto us even in the midst of storms.

When our lives are nourished by God’s hidden springs we flourish and grow like the palm tree.

We are able to live our lives of faith no matter what the circumstances around us may be.

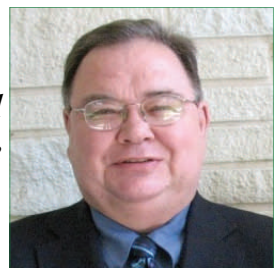
Let’s all learn and strive to be more like the Palm tree in our lives.

*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God’s word, God’s Love, and God’s fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

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Reverend  
Randy Burke





## OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2009



### August Birthdays

Alice Freeland, Denise Luna	1
Al Gonzales	2
Amy Dyes, Kelly Huey,	4
Johnny Murphy	4
Chris King	5
Rudy Green	10
Francis Love, Steven Shipman	18
Pat Wray Smith	20
Amber Hursman, Katie Spencer, Pat Scruggs	21
Jill Doremus	24
Sherri Murray	26
Tyler Nobles, Joe Saldivar	27
Cory Cox	29
Julie Clawson, Melanie Clawson	30
Robin Croix, Jamie Gonzales	31



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

### August Anniversaries

Oliver and Sue Harrison	8
Glen and Bernie Slaven	26
Homer and Nancy Greene	27



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Bread Sunday 	3	4 Executive Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	5 No Choir Rehearsal V.B.S. Mtg. 7 pm	6	7 Church Office Closed	8
9 Board Mtg. Terry's Crafters V.B.S. - Camp E.D.G.E.	10 V.B.S. - Camp E.D.G.E.	11 V.B.S. - Camp E.D.G.E.	12 No Choir Rehearsal V.B.S. - Camp E.D.G.E.	13 V.B.S. - Camp E.D.G.E.	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 Start up again 5:00 p.m. Worship Service 	17	18	19 Choir Rehearsal	20	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 Terry's Crafters	24	25	26 Choir Rehearsal	27	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 Aileen Crafton's 100th B.D. Party Pot Luck	31					

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

### Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in August. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

**Church Office** - The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.



**Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s**  
832.729.1598 - Cell  
713.983.0717 - Home



**Reverend Randy Burke's Bible Study** - Pastor Randy's ongoing Bible study by Ray Vander Laan is off for the summer and will start up again in the Fall.



### Terry's Crafters

"Terry's Crafters" will meet 2:00 p.m. in Kirchner Hall August 09 and August 23.

Upcoming September 6 and 20th.

Fall Dates:

Rummage Sale - Moved from September to **OCTOBER** - Dates to Be announced.

Pie Nights - October 19th & 20th 6:00 p.m.



**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE**

Starts again August 16th, 5:00 p.m.

## Announcements, Thank You Note, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report



**V.B.S. - Sara Simons**  
Our curriculum for this year is Camp E.D.G.E.- Exploring and Discovering God Everywhere! Camp E.D.G.E. will be August 9 -13, 2009.

**Christian Women's Fellowship** - The "Big Church Sale" (otherwise known as Rummage Sale) has been moved to **October** (dates to be announced) due to the difficulty in transforming Kirchner Hall from the sale to church for Sunday Service. Please continue to save items for the sale as the proceeds go to Church Finance Council and apply to our mission giving, which is not current due to the financial woes of a small church. We will not have very much storage space for items so we would appreciate you holding it till the first of **October** when services would move back to the Sanctuary and we could store things on the stage. As always, we thank you for supporting all activities of the church.

**"Check In"**  
**September Issue 9 for Photos**  
**Camp E.D.G.E. 2009**



**Happy 100th Birthday to**  
**Aileen Crafton!**



There will be a pot luck luncheon for Aileen Crafton **August 30** right after church. Come and celebrate Aileen's 100th Birthday! Ham will be provided. Bring your favorite dish and celebrate with Aileen.

### **Central Christian Church, Disciples of Christ** **Indianapolis, Indiana - August 11, 2009**



Dear Friends,  
I had a brief part in one of the General Assembly worship services and was blessed to receive a stole of hands which I'm told as made by some hands in your congregation. Thank you for your efforts and prayers that touched our General Assembly, and for all your ministry in Houston and throughout the world. Blessings, *Linda McCrae*

### **June Church Attendance**

Attendance for the Month of June 2009	Sunday School	Church Attendance
June 7	23	73
June 14	22	56
June 21	24	68
June 28	20	65
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>262</b>

### **From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin**

Operating Account	May	June	July
Deposits	9,286.21	9,208.007	T.B.A.
Disbursements	(13,775.69)	(11,178.99)	T.B.A.
Difference	(4,489.48)	(1,970.92)	T.B.A.

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## Oaks Christian Church

*Bound Together in Love*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
FOR MANNA'S  
THRIFT SHOP**

**For more information  
Contact  
(713) 686-6440**

### **Board Happenings -** *Albert Green, Board Chair*

**Friendly Reminder:** There will be an Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, August 4, 2009, 6:00 p.m. and Board Meeting Sunday, after church August 9, 2009. Thank you.

Update...

**September** Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday 8th, 6:00 p.m. and Board Meeting Sunday, after church on the 13th.